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TAKE NOTE

Cafeteria closed

The cafeteria in Bldg. 600 closed June 30. A meal truck will be available Monday through Friday 7:45-8 a.m. and 10:45-11:30 a.m.

Mandatory briefings

Two sessions of the Annual Suicide Awareness and Workplace Violence briefings are scheduled for Tuesday at 8 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. in the base theater.

Training is mandatory for all military and civilian personnel who have not already attended this year. No registration necessary, walk-in and sign up at the theater. For more information, call 643-8308.

Water report available

The Consumer Confidence Report on the quality of water in military housing has been provided to base residents.

For more information, call Merianne Briggs at 643-1742, Ext. 457.

Memorabilia on sale

Club McClellan has McClellan Air Force Base memorabilia for sale. Wine glasses, \$7; T-Shirts, \$7; and hats, \$5. Supplies are limited.

For more information, call Club McClellan at 643-3526.

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"Completing the mission of McClellan Air Force Base with professionalism and honor"



U.S. Air Force photo by Robin Jackson

Car inspections protect safety

Airman 1st Class Rodney Derzon, 77th Security Forces Squadron, inspects a vehicle entering Palm Gate Tuesday. Entry point checks prevent the theft of government property, classified material, and keep the base drug and weapon free.

Vehicles subject to inspection

By Senior Airman Thomas Middleton
77th Security Forces Squadron

Have you ever been in a hurry, just to be stopped by the Security Forces at the gate and be told, "*Inspections are being conducted by order of the Installation Commander, in accordance with Installation Entry Point Inspections, and are authorized under Section 21 of the Internal Security Act of 1950, Air Force Instruction 31-101 and Air Force Instruction 31-201*"? It has happened to all of us at one time or another. Do you ever wonder why they are done?

Department of Defense directive 5200.8R *Physical Security Program*, states that Air Force installation commanders have responsibility for protecting personnel and property under their jurisdiction and maintaining order on installations. A key part of that responsibility is inspecting persons, their property and vehicles at entry and exit points of installations.

Installation commanders may direct or establish procedures for IEPC's of randomly selected vehicles entering or leaving an in-

stallation under their jurisdiction whether the owner or operator is military or civilian. These random checks are not based upon probable cause, but are based on the commander's authority to protect the security of the installation, prevent theft, stop illegal narcotics, protect classified information, and prevent weapons from entering and or exiting the base.

The installation commander determines the selection of vehicles on a random basis. The number and frequency of the vehicles checked does not affect their randomness, even if it includes every vehicle that enters or leaves the installation during a selected period.

Normally, at least two security forces members conduct entry point checks, along with a military working dog. Prior to inspecting all vehicles, the driver is asked for permission to examine the vehicle and its contents. If permission is granted, the driver is instructed to turn off the engine and all occupants exit the vehicle along with all

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AF Vision helps airmen meet 21st century challenges

By Staff Sgt. A.J. Bosker

Headquarters United States Air Force

WASHINGTON -- Senior Air Force leaders unveiled the service's updated vision -- America's Air Force: Global Vigilance, Reach and Power -- June 19, at the Pentagon.

"We want to provide our people with a clear vision of the purpose and value of their dedicated service," said Gen. Michael E. Ryan, Air Force chief of staff. "America's Air Force concisely provides that perspective. It gives airmen a guide to meet the diverse challenges they will face in the 21st century. Achieving our vision will involve the valuable contributions of all (Air Force) people."

According to Ryan, one example of these contributions can be found in the expeditionary aerospace force concept that depends on more than just the air expeditionary forces that deploy forward.

"Airmen from all across the Air Force contribute to our ability to deploy and sustain powerful aerospace capabilities," he

said. "Air expeditionary forces are an important part of that but so are the capabilities -- ranging from the mobility to get them where they need to go to the acquisition, logistics, health care, education and training -- they depend on. It really is a team effort."

"Our experiences over the last several years have shown it doesn't matter if an asset is located in air or space or if it's manned or unmanned," said Secretary of the Air Force F. Whitten Peters. What does matter is, "We are an integrated aerospace force that uses whatever assets are available, regardless of their location, to best accomplish the mission."

Taking this experience and combining it with what needs to be accomplished in the future enables the Air Force to chart a course continuing its evolution to remain the premiere expeditionary aerospace force of today and tomorrow, according to Secretary Peters. This updated vision builds upon and extends the foundations laid by past visions to reflect conceptual and organizational improvements, Ryan said. "It provides a broad

outline enabling the Air Force to shape it's strategic planning for the future."

"The most important part of this vision is the people," Secretary Peters said. "We need to develop aerospace leaders who can take command of forces that fly in the air, unmanned assets, space assets and information assets, which is going to be one of the most important things we do over the next two decades"

Future planning and the Air Force's ongoing integration of air, space and information operations, requires leaders who have a good understanding of what all Air Force systems can do and how one can use them together to create a desired effect, he said.

"We will continue developing (airmen) who really understand and have experience with the full range of Air Force capabilities," Ryan said. "They will be able to capitalize on the most effective aspects of air and space seamlessly to lead aerospace and joint forces to victory." The new vision, America's Air Force: Global Vigilance, Reach and Power, is available at <http://www.af.mil/vision>.

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valuables (purse, wallet, etc.). The driver is asked to open the center console, glove compartment, trunk, and any other locked compartments.

If permission is refused, it could result in one or all of the following happening to the vehicle operator: loss of base driving privileges for up to one year, revocation of base registration and/or barment from base. If the driver still refuses, all occupants will be identified and advised they cannot enter or leave the base unless the vehicle is examined. Contact will be made with the magistrate to obtain search authority. All vehicles, regardless if military or civilian, may be inspected.

The inspection policies also apply to pedestrians entering or leaving the base. Any person may be subjected to these checks. Checks will be limited to examination of hand-carried parcels and exterior garments removed from the individual.

The long-range deterrent value of entry point checks is to ensure that everyone at McClellan will have the equipment that is needed to complete the mission. They help prevent the theft of government property and classified material, and keep our base drug and weapon free.

So the next time you get selected, remember the Security Forces are not out to harass you, they are protecting your resources and your safety.

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"Completing the mission of McClellan AFB with professionalism and honor"

RETIREE NEWS NOTES**Prescription service**

The Medicine Program, which is a nationwide prescription service with a \$5 co-payment, is available to anyone who has no insurance covering the cost of prescription services and their annual income is below \$50,000. For more information, visit www.themedicineprogram.com or call 643-2207 and ask about the program's brochures.

55 Alive Driving Course

The next 55 Alive Defensive Driving Course is Sept. 21 and 22 at the Chapel Annex. This course is 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day. The price of the course is \$10. Payment is needed before the member can be placed on the list. For more information, call 643-2207, Monday through Thursday.

Casualty services

Once McClellan Air Force Base closes and access to the Casualty Assistance Office here ceases, the Air Force has established a toll-free number you can call for help. This service will provide assistance to surviving family members following a retiree's death. The number, 1-877-353-6807, allows family members to report the death of an Air Force retiree. In addition, a family member who makes the call will be connected directly to the nearest Air Force installation casualty assistance representative. For more information on casualty services, visit their Web site at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/casualty

For those of you with your own computers, you can access the 77th Air Base Wing Home Page, which includes the information in this column through the Internet. The address is: www.McClellan.af.mil/77ABW

Legal assistance services change

Beginning Oct. 1, the McClellan Law Center will no longer be able to offer legal assistance services to retirees and their dependents.

Limited services, including appointments for general legal advice, military powers of attorney and notaries, will be available to active duty members and their dependents. However, due to base closure and reductions in

personnel, will drafting services will not be offered after Sept. 30.

Currently, notary services and powers of attorney are available on a walk-in basis on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 8 - 11 a.m. and 1 - 3 p.m., and Fridays, 8 - 11 a.m.

Appointments for general assistance are available Monday-Wednesday mornings and appointments for wills are on Thursday mornings. Appointments may be scheduled through Sept. 30 by contacting the Law Center at 643-3150 or DSN 633-3150.

After Sept. 30, legal assistance may be obtained at Travis Air Force Base at (707) 424-3251 and Beale Air Force Base at (530) 634-2928.

IG's fraud, waste, abuse program still alive

The center's Inspector General's Fraud, Waste and Abuse Program continues to focus on avoiding waste, following the privacy act, and ensuring compliance during the closure of offices throughout McClellan Air Force Base.

The following areas highlight examples of fraud, waste and abuse to be aware of during the closure process:

Follow Privacy Act

- Protect Privacy Act materials such as leave forms, Standard Forms 71, employees personnel folders, Air Force Forms 971, etc.

- AF 971 folders should be destroyed by supervisors six months after the employee departs.

- Brief employees and supervisors, who handle privacy act information, of their responsibilities in protection and proper disposal of privacy materials in accordance with chapter 7 of Air Force Instruction 37-132.

- An individual may file a civil suit against the Air Force for failing to comply with the Privacy Act. Offenders found guilty may be fined no more than \$5,000, according to AFI 37-132, paragraph 1.2.

Wasteful Dumping of Recyclable Supplies

- Avoid the temptation to throw away new or serviceable supplies and equipment.

- Turn in computers, hazardous materials, supplies and equipment properly.

- Don't throw away materials that should be recycled.

Computers and automated data processing equipment

- Computer equipment and peripherals should be identified, collected and processed for turn-in.

Recycling

- Put white paper, cardboard, boxes or garbage in the appropriate receptacles.

- Garbage dumpsters often have instruction labels reminding users to recycle.

- Excess supplies and materials resulting from workload termination, transfers, and consolidation are government property and should be made available for reuse.

- There are probably enough office supplies in cabinets and desks on McClellan to last the whole base through base closure.

- Turn-in serviceable supplies to the Free Issue Center

- Preserve office supplies and materials in good, usable condition.

- The Logistics Supply Division Free Issue Center is located in Bldg. 250L. Hours of operation are 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., closed 11-11:45 a.m. for lunch.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Kenneth Rice, Free Issue Center, at 643-0219.

When these measures are not followed or more information is needed, call the IG's fraud, waste and abuse hotline at 643-6000.

(Information submitted by the Inspector General's office.)

Club McClellan offers members many benefits

By Sandra Kosmatin
Staff Writer

Whether celebrating a birthday, planning a wedding or saying good-bye to coworkers as they retire, Club McClellan can accommodate the affair. With five months remaining before the club closes its doors Jan. 1, it still has a lot to offer its members.

Each month Club McClellan offers several special activities including: free hors d'oeuvres during social hour the first Friday of each month for members, depending on holidays; a special luncheon; free dinner once a month for members; and Sunday brunch. This month the special luncheon is set for Wednesday and will feature grilled steak or marinated chicken breast, plus all the trimmings to include desert for only \$4.75 a person.

July 27 the club presents "Membership Appreciation Night", this buffet is free to members, spouses and guests pay only \$7 per person. Entertainment and door prizes will be available.

Sunday brunch returns July 30. A variety of breakfast favorites will be served including a build your own omelet station. Brunch is served from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. with reservations required.

Membership fees are as follows: enlisted service members, \$9 a month; officers, \$18 a month, retired military and Department of Defense civilians fees vary based on rank. To join, stop by the club and pickup an application. A temporary club card will be issued while your permanent one is processed.

To reserve a room, call as soon as possible to ensure the date is available. For more information or to make reservations, call 643-3526.

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Clinic, pharmacy, laboratory closes early July 27

The McClellan Air Force Base Clinic, 77th Medical Operations Squadron, pharmacy and laboratory will close at 2 p.m. July 27 for official business. They will resume normal hours of operation July 28.

For emergencies, call 911. For non-emergency concerns, call 643-7212, select option 4. For more information, call 643-8055.

IT equipment change in procedure

The closure operation warehouse, located in Bldg. 786, J Bay, has a change in procedure. All intake and pickup appointments must be scheduled through the Base Transportation office at 643-2717. This includes Information Technology equipment (Automated Data Processing Equipment) turn-ins and County reviews.

This change is effective immediately. For more information, call the closure flight at 643-0627 or 643-2740.

Volunteers needed for Eppie's Great Race July 29

Volunteers are needed for the 27th Annual Eppie's Great Race scheduled for July 29. Volunteers will help with setup, parking, crowd control, food services, clean-up and more. Last year the volunteers from McClellan helped with the final stage of the triathlon, Watercraft take-out, by guiding competitors onto the shore taking their canoes/kayaks out of the water. Plan on getting wet. This is a great event for the whole family to participate in; children under 16 must have adult supervision.

For about 4 hours of work, volunteers will receive a commemorative T-Shirt, food and drink coupons, and a sense of pride for contributing to the community. Proceeds from this fund-raising event go to support recreation for people with disabilities.

If you are interested in participating, call Senior Airman Paul Barnett for registration forms at 643-8041

Free college tuition for Air Force members

Air Force members separating from active duty in the Aircraft Maintenance Career fields, who are looking for a challenging part-time job with college benefits, are wanted for the Massachusetts Air National Guard. A 100 percent free college tuition to any Massachusetts State

College or University is being offered. Cross training is available.

For more information, call the recruiting office at 1-800-AIR-9151, DSN 636-9567 or send e-mail to Recruiting@MABARN.ANG.AF.MIL.

Complete tuition assistance forms by Sept. 1

The McClellan Education Services Office needs tuition assistance forms for courses starting the end of September early October to be submitted as soon as possible.

Military members planning to register for college courses beginning prior to Oct. 1 should submit their Air Force Forms 1227, Request for AF Tuition Assistance, to the Education Services Office **NOW** (e.g., National Univ, Univ of Phoenix, Southern Illinois Univ, etc.).

Funds need to be obligated as soon as possible to meet the Fiscal Year 2000 funds closeout deadline. For further information, call 643-4776.

Two-year Physician Assistant Training Program

The Physician Assistant Training Program is a 2-year, 2-phase education and training program. The next PA Selection Board is scheduled to convene at HQ AFPC March 26, 2001. Applications for Physician Assistant training classes beginning in Jan., April and Aug. 2002 will be accepted no earlier than Oct. 1 and no later than Jan. 26, 2001.

Only active duty enlisted Air Force members are eligible for this program. Eligibility includes: must be a US citizen; be on active duty in grade E-3 through E-8 with minimum of 2 years active military service and maximum of 14 years active military service as of Aug. 30, 2002; be less than 35 years of age upon completion of Phase II training; have completed 60 semester hours of transferable college credits (to include 30 semester hours of specific in-classroom courses); have a 2.5 or better GPA; ASVAB/AFCT General score minimum of 80; SAT scores within the past five years.

Completed application packages must arrive at the Base Education Services Office, Bldg. 8, Room 225, NLT Jan. 10, 2001 to allow for review, processing, and forwarding.

Interested personnel should contact Base Education Services, 643-4776, as soon as possible to schedule a counseling appointment.

Colonel puts away uniform after 30 years of service

By Robin Jackson
Editor

Col. Robert J. Martinelli, 77th Air Base Wing vice commander, retires Friday after 30 years of service to his country.

Martinelli was commissioned a second lieutenant in June 1970 after graduating from San Francisco State University.

After completing navigator training the colonel flew KC-135s for the Strategic Air Command and later served as a flying training instructor with the Air Education and Training Command.

In thinking back over his career Martinelli stated, "In general it's the association with people that brings my fondest memories, you make lifetime friendships. Sometimes difficult situations, like mobilizing for war, get everyone's attention and people come together. I'm sure I won't see that type of bond again outside of the military."

"When I came in the military in 1970, it was the Vietnam War era and we trained for 15 months on how to serve in that arena. I think we took things much more seriously then. I'm convinced the way we trained and exercised was more strict and regimented back then, but now we are a more

'touchy feely' Air Force. I don't mean that in a derogatory sense, it is just the way I see things," he said. "The way leaders trained troops back then would not be acceptable today, it was too harsh, and in a lot of ways that concerns me--are we losing the Warrior Spirit?"

I served a lot of years in SAC, ready to fight the nuclear war. God knows no one wanted to do that but we were sure ready. I stood alert for many hours. We took it very seriously in the hopes that we would never have to employ that aspect of war fighting capability. All that is done now," Martinelli paused.

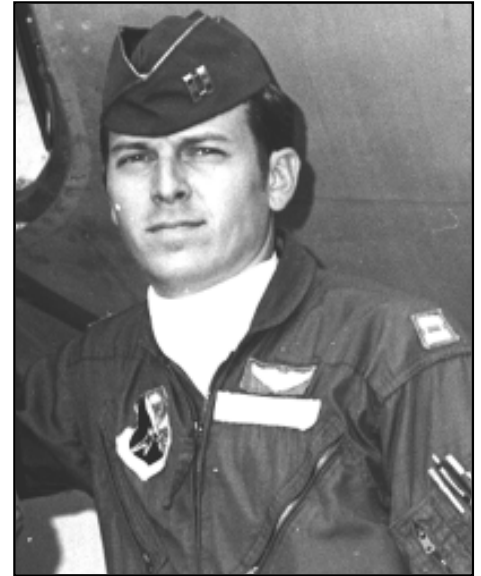
"We won the cold war and we expect different things from our military; humanitarian efforts among other things. I worry about our funding and training and if we're prepared to do these kinds of things and what impact it will ultimately have on the warrior spirit."

According to Martinelli, his time here at McClellan has been wonderful.

"Closure is a tough business and I've been at it before at Mather Air Force Base cross town and at the Headquarters level. There's no easy solution but the solutions that work are developed at the local level. From everything I can see this base is on track to continue the effort to close the base with professionalism and honor."

As far as his future plans, Martinelli says there is a job in the works, but it is not final.

"I'd like to work in the education and training business. My wife and I definitely want to settle in this area, this is our home," he said. "I'm convinced the reason we have such an effective Air Force is because of the training we give and the time we spend educating our people. I think that works well



Robert Martinelli when he was a captain.

for the military and there is no reason that it can't work well for the community too."

The military is a way of life. "My wife Barbara and I have been together for 30 years traipsing around the countryside. There has been a time or two I wanted to retire and move on and Barbara has been the one to say, 'No, let's just stay a little longer.' She is part of the team," he said. "Because it really is a family here, and the friendships you make professionally you are making as a family. We raised our son and dragged him around the country, and he has turned out OK--A college graduate and we are very proud of him."

"If someone would have told me when I was in high school or college, or for that matter five years into my Air Force career that I would spend 30 years serving my country, I would have told them they were nuts. Coming into the military in 1970 was an obligation. I wanted to serve my country, but for a short period of time, then get out and get a real job," he said with a smile.

"We've had great assignments and worked with great people and always felt like it was meaningful work. What greater thing can one do than give service to their country?"

"So with all those thoughts, 30 years have gone by quickly," Martinelli said. "It's been a great adventure."



Robert Martinelli and his wife Barbara.

Personnel to hold RIF question, answer sessions

The Benefits Section of Civilian Personnel will conduct question and answer sessions July 27 for those employees who have received a Reduction In Force notice.

A representative from the Employment Development Department will be available to address unemployment questions. Employees will also have an opportunity to ask questions regarding the following benefits:

- Health benefits
- Life insurance
- Thrift Savings Plan
- CSRS Retirement & FERS Retirement
- Severance Pay
- Unemployment Insurance

The following sessions are available with limited seating.

Time	Who should attend
9 a.m.	Employees who are NOT retirement eligible
1 p.m.	Employees who ARE retirement eligible

Interested employees may reserve a spot by calling 643-5703 between noon and 3 p.m. or by sending an e-mail to either Patricia Sumner or Jacqueline Lessa.

FOCUS CENTER

This section contains some of the job announcements available at the McClellan Air Force Base FOCUS Center. For additional information, contact the FOCUS Center, Bldg. 200, Room 40, at 643-5661. The center is open Monday and Wednesday 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Note: Copies of the vacancy announcements are available in the FOCUS Center. Review the announcement and contact the agency for KSAs and/or additional information.

Position: Contract Specialist GS-1102-07/09
Annc#: OO-DUB-24
Close: July 17
Location: Alameda county, CA
Agency: Dept of Justice, Bureau of Prisons
POC: Patty Meynardie (925) 833-7515
Remarks: See note

Position: Secretary (OA) GS-318-05/06
Annc#: OS-00-116
Close: July 26
Location: San Francisco, CA
Agency: HHS, Ofc Sec Health and Human Services
POC: Diane Sellers (202) 206-6766
Remarks: See note

Position: Administrative Specialist GS-301-11
Annc#: USGS-2000-1103
Close: July 18
Location: Sacramento, CA
Agency: Interior, Geological Survey
POC: Rosemary Wheeler (650) 329-4084
Remarks: See note

Position: Support Services Manager GS-0342-09
Annc#: R5-301-00G
Close: July 21
Location: Mather, CA

Agency: USDA, Forest Service
POC: Dawn Hayhurst (510) 599-6364
Remarks: See note

Position: Budget Technician GS-0561-06
Annc#: MPA 118-00
Close: July 21
Location: San Francisco, CA
Agency: VA, Veterans Health Administration
POC: Rhonda Durant (415) 750-2107-4212
Remarks: See note

Position: Electrician WG-2805-10
Annc#: CG-00-390A-1CP
Close: July 17
Location: Alameda, CA
Agency: DOT, U.S. Coast Guard
POC: (916) 790-2822
Remarks: See note

Position: Lead Program Support Assistant
Annc#: MPA 122-00
Close: July 21
Location: San Francisco, CA
Agency: VA, Veterans Health Administration
POC: Rhonda Durant
Remarks: See note

Position: Accounting Technician GS-0525-05
Annc#: AN90525
Close: Indefinite
Location: McClellan, CA
Agency: Defense Commissary Agency
POC: (757) 441-3355
Remarks: See note

Position: Program Support Assistant GS-0303-06
Annc#: 2000-88MS
Close: July 20
Location: Sacramento, CA
Agency: VA, Veterans Health Administration
POC: Barbara Nelson (925) 372-2120
Remarks: See note

Position: Electrical Engineer GS-0850-11/12
Annc#: BOR-MP-00-123
Close: July 20
Location: Folsom, CA
Agency: Interior, Bureau of Reclamation
Remarks: See note

Non-Federal Jobs

Position: Custodian
Salary: \$2,215 per month
Close: July 17
Location: Sacramento, CA (City College)
Agency: Los Rios Community College District
POC: (916) 568-3112 or www.do.losrios.cc.ca.us
Remarks: See note.

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Federal job fair Aug. 2

The FOCUS Center is sponsoring a Federal Government job fair, Aug. 2, 1 - 4 p.m. in the base Community Center, Bldg. 1425.

Attendance confirmations have been received from Bureau of Reclamation, Forestry Service, Office of Personnel Management as well as other local federal agencies. For additional information, call Greg Eason at 643-5661.

NOTE: Administrative leave **IS AUTHORIZED** for this function.

Here's an opportunity to make some extra money!

The McClellan Inn is looking for house-keeping staff. Great environment, flexible hours, may include holidays and weekends. For more information, call the non-appropriated funds personnel office at 643-4296.



Movies

Movies start at 7 p.m., unless otherwise noted, in Bldg. 1417. Movies are subject to change.

Center Stage - Friday

Starring: Amanda Schull and Zoe Saldana

A tight-knit group of young dance students try to make a name for themselves and become stars in the fiercely competitive world of professional dance.

While experiencing the normal joys and sorrows, loves and conflicts of youth, they strive to take their place center stage. (PG - 13 - for language and some sensuality)

Small Time Crooks - Saturday and Sunday

Starring: Woody Allen and Tracey Ullman

Ray is an ex-con with big dreams. His wife, Frenchy, attempts to keep him grounded in reality.

So when Ray comes to Frenchy with a half-baked plan to rob a bank, she's dead set against it.

Soon their get rich quick scheme leaves them rolling in dough, but not the kind they had in mind. (PG - for language)

Youth Center

■ **Today:** Open recreation, 2-6 p.m.; open gym, 2-3 p.m. and 4:15-6 p.m.; open snack bar, 2-5 p.m.; advanced gymnastics, 3:15-4:15 p.m.; Moms, Pops, and Tots, 10-11 a.m.

■ **Friday:** Open recreation, snack bar and gym, 2-6 p.m.; Skate night, ages 9-12, 6:30-8:30 p.m., members \$2, nonmembers \$4.

■ **Saturday:** Open recreation and snack bar from noon-5 p.m. Art Club meets at noon.

■ **Sunday:** Closed

■ **Monday:** Open recreation and gym, 2-6 p.m.; open snack bar, 2-5 p.m.

■ **Tuesday:** Open recreation, 2-6 p.m.; open snack bar, 2-5 p.m.; open gym, 2-3 p.m. and 4:15-6 p.m.; beginning gymnastics, 3:15-4:15 p.m.

■ **Wednesday:** Open recreation, 2-6 p.m.; open gym, 2-5:15 p.m.; open snack bar, 2-5 p.m.; beginning dance lessons, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

For more information, call 643-2074.

"Hogs 'N' Flight" land at McClellan Sunday



Courtesy photo by Iris Taggart

Jim Bennett was the winner of the 2000 Harley-Davidson "Fat Boy" motorcycle during the "Hogs 'N' Flight" ceremony Sunday at the McClellan Aviation Museum.



Courtesy photo by Iris Taggart



Courtesy photo by Al Brown

Harley-Davidson riders parade around base to kick off the ceremony "Hogs 'N' Flight" Sunday. More than 600 riders participated in the event sponsored by the McClellan Aviation Museum Foundation in conjunction with Harley-Davidson of Sacramento and the Eagle 96.9.

No troop reductions planned in Korea

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON -- The United States is encouraged by the accord signed by the presidents of South and North Korea, but officials say no U.S. troop reductions in South Korea are contemplated.

About 37,000 U.S. troops are in South Korea, mostly with the U.S. Army. Pentagon spokesman Ken Bacon said that even if re-

unification occurs, South Korean President Kim Dae Jung would like to see U.S. troops remain in his country. Kim considers U.S. troop presence a regional stabilizing force, Bacon said during a recent Pentagon press conference. North Korea continues to have a large well-armed force deployed close to the demilitarized zone, Bacon said. It continues to spend a disproportionate share of its gross national product on the military at a time when people are starving.

"We hope that will change," Bacon said. "It's 50 years this summer since the Korean War began. It is time to have a peace settlement. It's time to have reconciliation. I think both presidents Kim see that, and they are apparently trying to move in that direction.

"But how ... 50 years of hostility and distrust and suspicion can be unfolded, and how quickly, remain to be seen. We hope very quickly, but I think that time will have to tell." (AFPN)

New benefits handbook updates veterans

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- A new edition of the Department of Veterans Affairs' popular handbook Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents updates the rates for certain federal payments and outlines a variety of programs and benefits for American veterans.

The 2000 edition of the 100-page booklet provides an overview of the VA benefits currently being used by more than 5 million veterans or their survivors. Most of the nation's 24.7 million veterans qualify for some VA benefits, which range from health-care program enrollment to burial in a national cemetery.

Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents includes resources to help veterans access their benefits including a listing of various toll-free phone numbers as well as a 30-page directory of the location of VA facilities throughout the country.

The entire text of the handbook in English and in Spanish -- is

available free on VA's Web site at <http://www.va.gov/opa/feature/>.

The handbook is one of the top consumer sales publications of the U.S. Government Printing Office, which takes credit card orders at 202-512-1800 at a cost of \$5 each to U.S. addresses. It can be ordered by mail from the Government Printing Office, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954 (stock #051-000-00220-2).

In addition to health-care and burial benefits, veterans may be eligible for programs providing compensation for service-connected illnesses or disabilities, home loans, income assistance pensions, educational assistance, life insurance and training and vocational rehabilitation. In some cases, survivors of veterans who received benefits may also be entitled to continuing benefits.

The handbook describes programs for veterans with specific service experiences, such as prisoners of war or those concerned.

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